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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 27, 2006, in which a restriction requirement was imposed, applicant elects Invention II, claims 46-56, with traverse.

The Office states that the combination as claimed in invention II does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed in invention I because "the syringe body does not require the plunger (subcombination) for patentability". Applicant respectfully points out that the elements of invention II include the elements of invention I and therefore applicant traverses the restriction requirement. Because of the above, applicant submits that it would not take the Office any significant additional time to search both invention II and invention I.

Applicant therefore submits that all the claims should stay in the application and be examined.

Applicant believes that no fee is due for this response. However, if in fact a fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account 06-2425 for any such fee. Applicant also believes that no extension of time is needed for this response. However, if in fact an extension of time is needed, please consider this a petition therefore and charge the extension fee and any other associated fees to deposit account 06-2425.

Respectfully submitted,

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